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1. SUMMARY: FRG PERM REP VON WECHMAR TOLD
AMBASSADOR LEONARD ON OCTOBER 10 THAT SC
PRESIDENT JAIPAL (INDIA) PLANS ROUND OF SECURITY
COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
COMMITTEE REPORT IN MID-OCTOBER. VON WECHMAR ALSO
NOTED THAT SYRIAN PERM REP CONFIRMED TO HIM THAT THE
ARAB GROUP DECIDED TENTATIVELY TO ASK FOR AN SC
MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT ON OCTOBER 25. LEONARD
REITERATED U.S. CONCERN OVER POTENTIALLY DAMAGING
IMPACT ON PROSPECTS FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE OF AN
SC DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

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2. FRG AMB VON WECHMAR IN SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS HE
IS HOLDING ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION CALLED ON U.S.
DEPUTY PERM REP LEONARD OCTOBER 10 TO REVIEW RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS. VON WECHMAR SAID SC PRESIDENT JAIPAL
(INDIA) TOLD HIM LAST WEEK THAT HE PLANS TO HOLD FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS (VON WECHMAR HELD INFORMAL INDIVIDUAL
SC CONSULTATIONS DURING SEPTEMBER) ON PALESTINIAN REIGHTS

COMMITTEE REPORT AND ON REQUEST FOR AN SC MEETING PER GA RES. 31/20. JAIPAL INDICATED ANNOYANCE AT COMMITTEE'S ARROGANCE AT DICTATING ITS DESIRES TO SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT NONETHELESS WOULD PLAN TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH SC MEMBERS IN MID-OCTOBER. (NOTE: IT IS POSSIBLE JAIPAL COULD COMBINE THIS SC CONSULTATION WITH THOSE PRECEDING UNEF MANDATE RENEWAL WHICH COMES BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 24).

3. ACCORDING TO VON WECHMAR, SYRIAN PERM REP ALLAF REMARKED THAT THE ARAB GROUP DECIDED TENTATIVELY LAST WEEK TO REQUEST AN SC MEETING ON OCTOBER 25. (NOTE: THIS DATE COINCIDES WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON EGYPTIAN ITEM DEALING WITH ISRAELI MEASURES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES). ALLAF SUGGESTED THAT RESOLUTION FROM SC MEETING SHOULD BE BRIEF AND REFER TO THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. AS TO "HOMELAND" REFERENCE, ALLAF COMMENTED THAT THE ARABS HAD NOT AGREED TO ITS INCLUSION AS YET. ALLAF ADDED THAT SC RESES 242 AND 338 SHOULD BE REAFFIRMED AS WELL AS EASIER SC RES. 181. ALLAF SUGGESTED THAT THROUGH REAFFIRMING 242, PLO'S ACCEPTANCE OF CONTENTS OF THIS RESOLUTION WOULD BE IMPLIED.

4. VON WECHMAR TOLD US THAT HIS REACTION TO JAIPAL'S SCHEDULING CONSULTATIONS WAS TO SUGGEST THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDED FURTHER TIME TO REVIEW THE MATTER AND THAT
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COUNCIL SHOULD DELAY CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULING AN ACTUAL SC DEBATE UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER. (NOTE: LIBYAN PERM REP KIKHIA IS SC PRESIDENT IN NOVEMBER AND HIS INDICATED PREFERENCE NOT TO PRESIDE OVER THIS DEBATE). AMB LEONARD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR VON WECHMAR'S RESPONSE TO JAIPAL, I.E. TO DELAY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE ANY SC ACTION ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION, WHETHER A STRAIGHT-FORWARD DEBATE AND RESOLUTION ON THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT OR THE TYPE OF RESOLUTION ALLAF APPEARS TO HAVE IN MIND.

5. AMB LEONARD POINTED OUT THAT US IS CONCERNED THAT ANYTHING THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT UNDERTAKE EXPLICITLY CONNECTED WITH THE GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD SEEM TO THE PARTIES TO UNBALANCE WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE WORKING PAPER. A SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE PROGRESS LEADING TOWARD RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. U.S. POSITION REMAINS TO DELAY THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S TAKING UP THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, I.E. POSSIBLE UNTIL GENEVA CONFERENCE IS UNDERWAY. EVEN MORE DESIRABLE WOULD BE TOTAL AVOIDANCE OF AN SC DEBATE ON PALESTINE.

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